

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

March 3, 2004

Arts education, which includes education in dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts, is an essential and integral part of a basic education for all students in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12. Instruction in the basic skills and knowledge of the arts has been demonstrated to enhance students' creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities, as well as improving student performance in other core subject areas, goals often not met through other means.

The arts enable students to build self-esteem and self-discipline, to work cooperatively within groups, and to effectively express themselves, skills needed in careers and all areas of life for the economic vitality of Los Angeles County. Arts education programs can help students understand their world and the diverse cultural influences that surround them. With Los Angeles County's ever-expanding diversity, the arts serve as an essential bridge across language and cultural differences and build linkages both within and between communities.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

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- 1 proclaim the month of March as Arts Education Month throughout Los Angeles County and encourages the County's 82 school districts to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts, and support the continued implementation of Arts for All, the County's 10-year strategic plan to restore K – 12 arts education in Los Angeles County Schools.
- 2 Authorize the placement of a notice proclaiming the month of March "Arts Education Month" in the paychecks of all County employees on March 30, 2004.

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